

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 12, 2005. Claims 3 and 8, both of which are now independent, are pending in the application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3 and 8 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to obtain an earlier allowance of the present application, Claims 3 and 8 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowability. Furthermore, Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7, and 9 to 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter in order to be presented in another application. Accordingly, Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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